

6 June 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 6 June 1980

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The Director chaired the meeting. [ ]

Hetu said he has written to The Washington Post, New York Times, and Los Angeles Times complaining about ABC-TV's three-part presentation of 28-29 May on the power of CIA; he included that insult was added to injury with ABC-TV's "Good Morning America" 5 June interview with E. Howard Hunt, a convicted Watergate participant, seeking Hunt's appraisal of the Agency's effectiveness, DCI's performance, etc. Hetu said also the Director is being asked to appear on several upcoming television programs including "Issues and Answers," "Face the Nation," and "Good Morning America" (to be followed at a later date by a contrasting interview of former employee David Sullivan of Senator Humphrey's staff). The Director said he is not inclined to accept these invitations in order to avoid potentials for entanglement in Presidential election campaign issues. [ ]

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Hetu said he talked yesterday with Jack Blake and reported Blake is moving aggressively with the Association's complaint of PBS' airing of "The Company." [ ] opined that Blake's efforts could draw too much public attention and run counter to the Director's advice re maintaining a low profile at this time. Relatedly, Silver said he has met with AFIO Board of Directors and was treated with polite hostility; he noted his perception that the AFIO sees itself as "the good guys" and should not be subject to the same Agency scrutiny as others re review of draft speeches, manuscripts, etc. Silver advised for this reason we should be careful and correct in our dealings with the AFIO. A brief discussion followed on the Eveland case and its implications for potential lawsuits against former Director Colby, Cord Meyer, and others. [ ]

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[ ] reported NFIB approval of the NIE on Sino-Soviet relations--three years in the making. Relatedly, the Director called attention to Lehman's effort underway to make preparation of NIE's more timely in relation to current foreign policy formulations. [ ]

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The Director called attention to a recent article in the Boston Globe on a reporter's recent visit to Afghanistan where he found that insurgents have become less aggressive during the last 4-5 months. Relatedly, Mr. Carlucci noted NBC's "Prime Time" is seeking our help in getting one of their staff into Afghanistan. He advised Hetu this request should be referred to State Department. [REDACTED] 25X1 25X1

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Hetu reported 64 items have been submitted to the Publications Review Board thus far this year. Sixty reviews have been completed with only two disapprovals. [REDACTED] 25X1 25X1

[REDACTED] said Mr. Carlucci's testimony before the HPSCI on our budget amendment request went well, and that we are likely to fare as well in the markup scheduled for next Wednesday or Thursday. [REDACTED] 25X1

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In response to a query from the Director, [REDACTED] said the Hughes-Ryan situation is unclear at the moment. The SFRC appears to have no position, the HFAC language is likely to stand for now, and HPSCI has prepared a draft companion bill for S. 2284. [REDACTED] noted also he has received and will be forwarding a Republican Charter which apparently reflects what Governor Reagan's intentions might be, if elected, re a change in name and organizational structure for several intelligence functions. [REDACTED] 25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1

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[ ] said the LANDSAT Interim Policy Group will finish its work today; he noted, however, that the Group is still confronted with an unsolved problem re the handling of capital investment. [ ]

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The Director said he tentatively plans to begin his upcoming trip on Wednesday night, 11 June, instead of 12 June, and that he will return on the 21st and be in the office 23 June. He asked that items of importance for his attention be made available today and tomorrow if at all possible.

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